

House Study Bill 676

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act limiting the scope of the electronic benefits transfer
2 program maintained by the department of human services.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 234.1, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:

1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. "Food assistance program" means the
1 4 benefits provided through the United States department of
1 5 agriculture program administered by the department of human
1 6 services in accordance with 7 C.F.R. pts. 270=283.

1 7 Sec. 2. Section 234.12A, subsection 1, unnumbered
1 8 paragraph 1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1 9 The department of human services shall maintain an
1 10 electronic benefits transfer program utilizing electronic
1 11 funds transfer systems for the food assistance program. The
1 12 electronic benefits transfer program implemented under this
1 13 section shall at a minimum provide for all of the following:

1 14 Sec. 3. Section 234.12A, subsection 3, Code 2007, is
1 15 amended to read as follows:

1 16 3. For the purposes of this section, "retailer" means a
1 17 business authorized by the United States department of
1 18 agriculture to accept food ~~stamp~~ assistance program benefits.

1 19 EXPLANATION

1 20 This bill limits the scope of the electronic benefits
1 21 transfer program maintained by the department of human
1 22 services. The name of the federal food stamp program is in
1 23 transition because these benefits are no longer distributed in
1 24 paper form. The term "food assistance program" is defined to
1 25 mean the benefits provided through the United States
1 26 department of agriculture program administered by the
1 27 department of human services in accordance with the code of
1 28 federal regulations for the food stamp program. A reference
1 29 to the food stamp program in Code section 234.12A is amended
1 30 to change to the new defined term.

1 31 The bill also amends Code section 234.12A, requiring the
1 32 department to maintain an electronic benefits transfer
1 33 program, to provide that the requirement only applies to
1 34 benefits provided through the food assistance program.

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